

### REMARKS

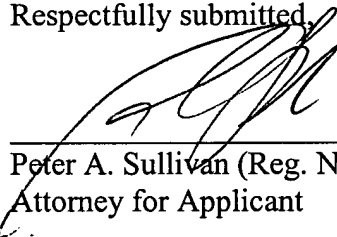
Applicant requested for continued examination on February 24, 2004. In an Office Action dated May 18, 2004, the Examiner objected to the designations of claims 21-24 in the amendment to the claims filed on February 24, 2004. Applicant now files the above-referenced amendment to add new claims 25-29 to the application and to delete claims 21-24, which cover a non-elected species, from the application. In view of the cancellation of claims 4, 11, and 20-24, no official fee is needed for new claims 25-29. Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application for the non-elected species at a later date.

### CONCLUSION

In view of the forgoing, Applicants respectfully request that the present amendment and the amendment of February 24, 2004 be entered.

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